

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated August 23, 2004, the Examiner states that the amendment filed May 13, 2004 is non-compliant and the canceled claims statement appears to be in error. To clarify, applicants submit that claims 1-51 are cancelled. Claims 1-5 were previously cancelled in an office action response mailed July 10, 2003 and claims 6-51 were cancelled without admission and without prejudice in the amendment mailed May 10, 2004. Claim 52 was erroneously canceled in the amendment mailed May 10, 2004 since Claim 52 had not been previously entered in this application. New claims 52-87 are also herein presented, which correspond to the new claims 53-88, respectively, which were presented in the amendment mailed May 10, 2004. Claims 52-87 are pending.

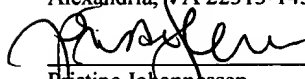
To advance prosecution of the application, previously allowed claims 23, 33, and 43 are rewritten as new independent claims 52, 65, and 78. Therefore, the objection as to claims 23, 33, and 43 is moot, and allowance of new independent claims 52, 65, and 78 is respectfully requested. Applicants also add new dependent claims 53-64, 66-77, and 79-87 to more fully claim aspects of the present invention.

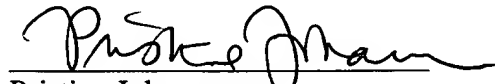
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and objections, and allowance of all the pending claims is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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